

March 28, 2002

Michael J. Aylesworth, Council Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:15 am.

Council Members present:

- Michael J. Aylesworth
- John Baugh
- Henry K. Bilsland
- Matthew V. Gibson
- Representative Dale Grubb
- David Howell
- Jon C. Rettinger
- Michael Shuter
- Dennis Whitsitt
- Don Zolman

Council members not present:

- Senator Brandt Hershman
- Richard D. Hoffman
- Craig L. Klinge
- Robert D. Peacock
- Don Wenneker

Others present:

- Robert L. Benson
- John G. Steinhart

Minutes to the January 9, 2002 Council meeting were read. A motion to approve these minutes was made by Mr. Howell and seconded by Mr. Gibson. The motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented with \$5000.00 in the checking and \$6710.02 in the savings. A bill from the Grain Buyers and Warehouse License Agency for startup, election and mailing fees of \$4222.87 was presented. A motion to accept the report and to pay the bills was made by Mr. Bilsland and seconded by Mr. Zolman. The motion carried.

A motion to authorize Mr. Gibson to purchase a binder for the checks with the cost not to exceed \$50 was made by Mr. Bilsland and seconded by Mr. Rettinger. The motion carried.

A motion to authorize the purchase of a \$50000.00 treasurer's bond for \$250 .00 plus \$27.50 membership from Farm Bureau Insurance was made by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Mr. Rettinger. The motion carried.

A motion to pay claims for the executive committee hotel rooms before this meeting was made by Mr. Bilsland and seconded by Mr. Whitsitt. The motion carried.

A motion to reimburse the Indiana Corn Growers Association \$110.00 as billed for the phone system for

the Council was made by Mr. Rettinger and seconded by Mr. Whitsitt. The motion carried. The ICMC phone number is (317) 692-7035.

A motion that we acknowledge that we will be over the 10% cap on administrative fees this first year due to many startup expenses was made by Mr. Howell and seconded by Mr. Whitsitt. The motion carried.

Brian Stockman from NCGA and Dean Eppley from ICGA were introduced. Mr. Eppley led a discussion on a grant application being prepared to submit to the Commissioner of Agriculture's office with regards to an Executive director and other funding for ICGA and ICMC. A motion to be a part of this proposal subject to funds available was made by Representative Grubb and seconded by Mr. Howell. The motion carried.

Mr. Aylesworth and Mr. Shuter gave a report on a meeting with Mark Sigler at Indiana Farm Bureau as to office space and secretary staff availability in the future. Our next meeting will be scheduled in that building so that we can look at their proposal.

Mr. Aylesworth gave a report on the president's activities.

Following a discussion on prioritization of projects a motion was made by Mr. Howell and seconded by Mr. Shuter to form a committee to look for ways to encourage the checkoff by partnering with other. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch and reconvened at 1:40.

A committee on internal administration was appointed as follows: Mr. Zolman chair, Mr. Gibson and Mr. Rettinger.

A motion to form an audit committee was made by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Mr. Whitsitt. The motion carried. The committee will be Mr. Bilsland chair, Mr. Gibson and Mr. Whitsitt.

District election for districts 3, 6 and 9 were discussed. The petitions for candidates will be available at the Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture and County Extension offices. Mr. Howell was appointed to chair a candidate election committee.

A motion to create a budget committee was made by Mr. Zolman and seconded by Mr. Gibson. The motion carried. The committee will consist of the executive committee and Mr. Zolman. Plans are to prepare a budget after planting.

A word of thanks was given to Mr. Bilsland for the business plan that he presented. This plan was used to develop much of the committee structure.

The next meeting of the Indiana Corn Marketing Council was set for 1:00 pm, June 20, 2002 at the Indiana Farm Bureau Building, 225 S East Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. Committee meeting will begin at 10:00 am.

Meeting was adjourned 3:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Michael Shuter, Council Secretary

Approved